

Painting Project: Painting Objects

Level: grade 1 and up

Time: 15-60 minutes (depending on object and detail)

Materials Needed

object to paint
pots of tempera paint
small to very fine brushes
acrylic or metal paints (even better)
varnish
medium brush
turpentine
pencil
eraser

Preparation

Older children may need to plan drawing and quotes to paint on object.

Steps

1. Older children may need to pencil in guide for painting on object.
2. Paint picture or design on object.
3. Let picture *dry*.
4. (Optional step) With a very fine brush, lettering can be painted on object. (Note: Felt tip pen may not be satisfactory on certain objects.)
5. Let lettering dry and then varnish. Let varnish dry.

Types of objects that can be painted and applications for these painted objects:

Projects with Rocks:

Use one rock that is fairly good-sized to make a paper weight. The smoother the surface, the better. Use a short quote, such as "Religion is of life" and decorate with an appropriate illustration. These make nice gifts.

Rocks of various sizes can be glued together (with white glue!) These can be made into small scenes and figures for scenes, mountain scenes, people in boats, the animals for a Noah's Ark, *etc.* (Younger children can make these.) This is another gift idea.



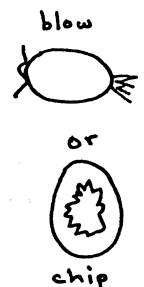
Wood Plaques:

Wood will need to be *sanded* and perhaps *sealed* before being painted. Use picture hangers and wire to hang plaque.

Applications:

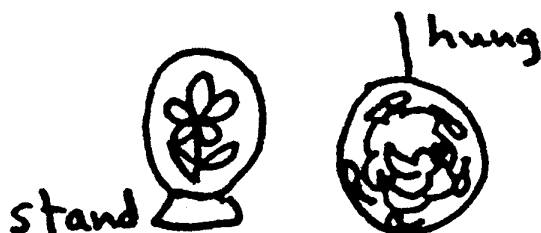
A picture of the Lord to display near the worship center or in a bedroom would be good. (These would also make nice gifts!)

Quotes will be painted on with a fine brush. Pictures are also nice on wood.



Egg Shells:

To blow egg make a hole at top and bottom. Blow out by blowing into one hole. Should come out the other hole. Break a small section out on one side of the egg. Remove egg through the hole by shaking gently. Wash egg out. Let it dry. Carefully chip away to make larger opening by taking small pieces off at a time. Eggs can be painted outside and inside.



Applications:

Spring brings new life—the Lord's life—to the world after the winter just as the Lord rose into heaven (after the crucifixion) and we rise into heaven.

Variations:

Christmas decorations—even a Nativity scene can be made. One could also make figures for other stories with the eggs.

